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TO: Health Deputies

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
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SUBJECT: **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BEGINS FOR THE NEW GENESIS APARTMENTS HOUSING PROJECT UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT HOUSING PROGRAM**

This is to inform you that the Department of Mental Health (DMH), as required under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), has opened a public review and comment period for the New Genesis Apartments Housing Project proposed to be funded through the MHSA Housing Program. The public review and comment period will run from November 10, 2009 through December 10, 2009. The document under review is posted on the DMH web site (<http://dmh.lacounty.gov>).

On June 10, 2008 the Board approved the DMH MHSA Housing Program Plan and authorized the Department to participate in the statewide MHSA Housing Program jointly administered by the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) and the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA) for the development of permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and their families. CDMH subsequently allocated Los Angeles County \$115,571,200 and transferred the funds to CalHFA to administer the funds and underwrite the loans. DMH has a non-competitive process for soliciting projects for consideration.

The New Genesis Apartments Housing Project is the twentieth MHSA Housing Program project to be posted for public comment in Los Angeles. The Project Sponsor is Skid Row Housing Trust. The project is located in Service Planning Area 4 in Supervisorial District 2 and will target homeless Adults that are MHSA eligible. Skid Row Housing Trust is requesting a MHSA funded capital development loan of \$1,835,142 for this project, with 18 units (of a total of 106 units) funded by MHSA and dedicated to Adults with psychiatric disabilities.

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Following the public comment period, DMH will summarize the comments, analyze any substantive recommendations and revise the project, as appropriate. DMH will then send the MHSA Housing Program application to CDMH and CalHFA for review, approval and underwriting.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Dr. Maria Funk, District Chief, Countywide Housing, Employment and Education Resource Development at (213) 251-6582.

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